

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday October 27th, 2024

News from the IRTS

The IRTS Examination Board would like to remind those that have not yet registered for the next HAREC examination, that the examination will be held on the 16th of November 2024.

The exam will take place in the Clayton Hotel Dublin Airport, Stockhole Lane, Clonshagh, County Dublin, K67 X3H5. Doors will open from 10.30 a.m. for registration and the exam itself will commence at 11 a.m. sharp. The exam is two hours long and finishes at 1 p.m. The closing date for applications is Thursday the 7th of November. Due to a limited number of places, anyone wishing to sit the exam should forward their application along with the appropriate fee. The application form and the payment details can be found at www.irts.ie/exams

You can contact the IRTS exams point of contact Mick EI6IKB by email at [irts_exams /at/ irts.ie](mailto:irts_exams@irts.ie) if you have any queries about this.

EI News

EI News is published on the first day of each month excluding March, June, September, and December when Echo Ireland is published. If you are an IRTS member and not on the society's mailing list, please contact the Treasurer/Membership Officer David Gardiner EI3IXB at [irts_treasurer /at/ irts.ie](mailto:irts_treasurer@irts.ie) if you wish to receive EI News.

The deadline for the November EI news is Tuesday next, the 29th of October.

Please submit any news items for publication to [newsteam /at/ irts.ie](mailto:newsteam@irts.ie). For sale or wanted advertisements from IRTS members are free.

Cork Radio Club

Cork Radio Club has not had an in-person meeting since the advent of the Covid pandemic. Meetings were held regularly on the Zoom platform and attracted good attendances. In person meetings will resume on Monday next November 4th at 8 p.m. in the Community Centre, Main Street, Carrigtwohill, County Cork, Eircode T45 X3N1. It is important that previous members and intending members attend this meeting which will determine the future direction of Cork Radio Club.

The current club officers and committee have all exceeded their time limit as officers and will have to be replaced at an upcoming Annual General Meeting. Enquiries are invited via email to [info /at/ corkradioclub.ie](mailto:info@corkradioclub.ie) or by phoning 087 6290574.

VHF News

Every Wednesday evening from 7.30 p.m., Damien EI7LF, Crevan EI3JWB, and Jim EI2HJB from the Dundalk Amateur Radio Society host a VHF/UHF net before reading the weekly northeast region IRTS news at 8 p.m. via the club's repeater network EI2CCR, EI2MOG, EI7DKD, and Echolink. Call-ins and SWL reports are more than welcome.

The Hepburn Tropospheric Index forecast indicates a short-lived lift on Tuesday that will extend from the southeast of the country northwards toward Scotland. It will be followed by a period of strong tropospheric ducting that is forecast for Thursday next favouring that morning and early afternoon.

Shannon Basin Radio Club SSB DX Nets

Shannon Basin Radio Club's topband SSB DX net will recommence on Thursday night next, the 31st of October from 9 p.m. The nets will then alternate between topband and 80m each Thursday night after that date. All are very welcome to join in including SWLs. Further information may be found at www.sbrc.ie or via the club's social media channels.

UKIECC 80m Contest

The next UK and Ireland Contest Club (UKIECC) event in their 2024-2025 series of 80m contests takes place next Wednesday the 30th of October 2024 at 20:00 UTC using CW. The EI5G bonus station will be operated by Joe EI7GY. Further information is available at www.ukiecc.com

Bushvalley Amateur Radio Club Annual Radio Rally

The 2024 Bushvalley Amateur Radio Club Annual Radio Rally takes place next Sunday the 3rd of November at The Showgrounds, Rathmore Road, BT49 0DF, Limavady. Doors open at 11 a.m. Further information may be found at bushvalleyarc.org.

IARU Ham Challenge 2024 Deadline

If you have a cool idea or project which you think is part of the future of amateur radio, then the International Amateur Radio Union Region 1 would like to hear from you. Licensed radio amateurs and non-licensees are invited to take part as individuals or as a team in the IARU Ham Challenge 2024. The deadline to submit your ideas is next Friday, the 1st of November 2024. You can find out more about this at www.iaru-r1.org/hamchallenge

SWL Contest 2025 Announced

For SWLs interested in medium and shortwave broadcast DX, you may be interested to learn about a dedicated SWL contest taking place next year. The contest will start on the 1st of January 2025 and finish on the 28th of February 2025. The categories include the 522 to

1710 kHz medium wave band only, the 2.300 MHz to 26.100 MHz shortwave bands, or a combined medium and shortwave band category. You can use a real radio or a web-based software-defined receiver. Further information may be found via a web search for "SWL Contest 2025".

Items for Inclusion in Next Week's Radio News

That is the news for this week. Items for inclusion in next week's radio news can be submitted by email to newsteam /at/ irts.ie for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. The deadline is midnight on Thursday.

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